(b) to (d) The necessary budgetary allocation is being made for various projects including new lines, gauge conversions and doubling. The outlay is, however, not specified for a particular train. The trains are also introduced on new assets.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir, The following trains, which have been introduced during the last two years (2005-06 and 2006-07) to serve passengers of Haryana:–

Sl. No.	Train No.	From	To	Nature
1	2445/2446	New Delhi	Udhampur	Sampark Kranti Express
2	2963/2964	Udaipur	Nizamuddin	Mewar Express
3	4525/4526	Ambala Cantt	Sriganganagar	Intercity Express
4	4790A	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	Rewari	Express
5	5715/5716	Kishanganj	Ajmer	Garib Nawaj Express
6	2053/2054	Amritsar	Haridwar	Janshatabdi Express
7	4601/4602	Sonpur	Jammu Tawi	Mour Dhwaj Express
8	4321/4232	Bhuj	Bareilly	Ala Hazrat Express
9	9781/9782	Jaipur	Amritsar	Express
10	1449/1450	Jabalpur	Jammu Tawi	Express
11	2203/2204	Amritsar	Saharsa	Garib Rath Express
12	9269/9270	Motihari	Porbandar	Express
13	1/2 RD	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	Rewari	Passenger
14	163/164	Ajmer	Rewari	Passenger
15	3 RD	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	Rewari	Passenger
16	499/500	Jaipur	Rewari	Passenger
17	5/6 RD	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	Rewari	Passenger
18	8/9 RD	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	Rewari	Passeger
19	3 RKB/ 6RKB	Rohtak	Bhiwani	Passenger

Improving the infrastructure shortage and handling of cargo

2732. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken cognizance of the poor infrastructure and mishandling of cargo at the railway stations thereby causing avoidable damages and loss to the cargo;

(b) whether Government have taken steps to improve the infrastructure, storage and handling of the cargo;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to set up a more efficient grievance redressal mechanism at the respective stations for the damage and wastage caused to cargo; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Necessary infrastructure is provided for handling of cargo as per the offering of traffic at railway stations. All possible steps are taken to prevent avoidable damages and loss to the cargo.

(d) and (e) The application for filing a claim for compensation is accepted at the railway station(s), who forward the same to the concerned Divisional/ Zonal Railway head quarter. The Station Managers of selected important stations have also been empowered to settle claims for compensations upto Rs. 400/- in each case.

Rail Land Development Authority

2733. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Parliamentary Standing Committee has pulled up his Ministry for a delay in forming Land Development Authority even after Railways Act was amended in 2005 to facilitate the creation of the RLDA;

(b) if so, what are the main reasons for delay in constituting the same;

(c) if so, whether delay in setting up of the RLDA cost the Ministry over 300 crores; and

(d) if so, by what time Government are likely to set up this RLDA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Standing Committee on Railways expressed unhappiness on the delay in forming the Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA). The delay was mainly due to elaborate long process of drafting of Rules and vetting of the same by the Ministry of Law and Justice. The Authority has since been constituted with effect from 1.11.2006.

(c) No, Sir. Even before Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) came into being, commercial development of railway land was taken up by Railways through its Public Sector Units *viz.* M/s RITES (Rail India Technical and Economic Services Limited/IRCON (Indian Railway Construction Company Limited) and 61 sites were identified and taken up under the scheme. Out of these in 9 cases bids were finalized and Railways have realized Rs.12.61 crore so far from these sites.

(d) RLDA has since been constituted with effect from 1.11.2006 and Rules have been notified in *Gazette* on 4.1.2007. The Authority has started functioning from 19.1.2007.